

# INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE REVIEW



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## US has new intelligence on Russian nuclear capabilities in space



Former CIA director reacts to new intel on Russian nuclear capabilities in space [Video Ad Feedback](#)

**Washington (CNN)** — The US has new intelligence on Russian military capabilities related to its efforts to deploy a nuclear anti-satellite system in space, according to multiple sources familiar with the intelligence.

The intelligence was briefed to Congress and key US allies, and some lawmakers say it is serious enough that it should be declassified and made public. While the intelligence is concerning, multiple senior members of Congress briefed on the information on Wednesday emphasized that it does not pose an immediate threat to the US or its interests.



## GOP warning of 'national security threat' is about Russia wanting nuclear weapon in space: Sources



PACE Satellite.  
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President Joe Biden's national security adviser and leading lawmakers on Capitol Hill sought to allay public concerns on Wednesday after the House Intelligence Committee chairman warned of a "national security threat" related to a "destabilizing foreign military capability" so serious that Biden should declassify "all information" about it.

Two sources familiar with deliberations on Capitol Hill said the intelligence has to do with Russia wanting to put a nuclear weapon into space.



# Russia could 'blind' the US by taking out satellites using a nuclear space weapon, says ex-CIA chief



Leon Panetta testifies during a congressional hearing in January 2024. Stephanie Scarbrough via AP  
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Speaking to CNN Wednesday, Panetta, who also served as defense secretary under Barack Obama, was taking part in a discussion of an unnamed threat to US national security.

It became (partially) public after US lawmakers started to describe briefings they received about the threat, which they did not name.

Multiple media reports, citing US officials, said the threat was Russia developing a nuclear weapon to be deployed against satellites.



## Russia preparing for military confrontation with West, says Estonia

By Andrius Sytas

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VILNIUS, Feb 13 (Reuters) - Russia is preparing for a military confrontation with the West within the next decade and could be deterred by a counter build-up of armed forces, Estonia's Foreign Intelligence Service said on Tuesday.

A growing number of Western officials have warned of a military threat from Russia to countries along the eastern flank of NATO, calling for Europe to get prepared by rearming.

The chief of the intelligence service said the assessment was based on Russian plans to double the number of forces stationed along its border with NATO members Finland and the Baltic States of Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia.



# Exclusive: Iran sends Russia hundreds of ballistic missiles



[U2] Iranian ballistic missiles are displayed during the ceremony of joining the Armed Forces, in Tehran, Iran, August 22, 2023. Iran's Presidency/WANA (West Asia News Agency)/Handout via REUTERS/ File Photo Purchase License/Robb

DUBAI, Feb 21 (Reuters) - Iran has provided Russia with a large number of powerful surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, six sources told Reuters, deepening the military cooperation between the two U.S.-sanctioned countries.

Iran's provision of around 400 missiles includes many from the Fateh-110 family of short-range ballistic weapons, such as the Zolfaghar, three Iranian sources said. This road-mobile missile is capable of striking targets at a distance of between 300 and 700 km (186 and 435 miles), experts say.



## U.S. conducted cyberattack on suspected Iranian spy ship

The covert operation was intended to inhibit the ship's ability to share intelligence with Houthi rebels who have been attacking cargo ships in the Red Sea.



Houthi fighters stage a rally against the U.S. near Sanaa, Yemen, on Jan. 25, 2024. Osamah Abdulrahman / AP file


WASHINGTON – The U.S. recently conducted a cyberattack against an Iranian military ship that had been collecting intelligence on cargo vessels in the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden, according to three U.S. officials.


The cyberattack, which occurred more than a week ago, was part of the Biden administration's response to the drone attack by Iranian-backed militias in Iraq that killed three U.S. service members in Jordan and wounded dozens of others late last month, the officials said.



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The classified files lay out a 10-step plan Vladimir Putin may have drawn-up to launch the outbreak of a Russia-Nato war by summer of 2025

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